Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think that any discrimination has been made at any time.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the policy of the Government regarding the tapping of toddy trees in the dry areas of the State ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As far as possible to avoid illicit tapping.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Do Government consider that this policy is properly implemented ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes. That is being done.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Have Government given promiscuous permission for tapping these trees ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think that promiscuous permission is given for tapping.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it not a fact that permission for tapping in a dry area is first permitted, then withdraw, and then again permitted ? Is that not the case ? Have no cases come before Government for payment of compensation due to such vagaries in the Government orders ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Some such occasions have arisen and it is due to the exigencies of the situation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ —ಪಾನ ನಿರೋಧ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಡೆ ಹೆಂಡವನ್ನು ಇಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಹಾಗೆ ಇಳಿಸಿದ ಹೆಂಡ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಖರ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಖರ್ಚಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವೇ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ —ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇಳಿಸಿ, ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಹೆಂಡವನ್ನು ಮಾರುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is understood.

Loan granted to Sri B. M. Srinivasiah.

Q.—259. Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).——

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether, and if so, why a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been given free of interest and without security to Sri B. M. Srinivasiah ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

A loan under a registered deed, of rupees one lakh was sanctioned to the B.M.S. College of Engineering, free of interest on the personal security of Sri B. M. Srinivasiah for the purchase of equipment to the College, since it was considered that Government should accord sympathy and co-operation in developing and stabilising this institution. The amount of loan is repayable in five years, subject to the condition that, if the amount of loan is not repaid, the Founder should entrust the management of the College with all its assets and properties to Government. Further it is ordered that no liability or debt should be incurred by Sri B. M. Srinivasiah for the purpose of this College without the previous permission of Government from the date of the Government order sanctioning the loan.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know who executed this registered deed ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The authorised agent of Sri B. M. Srinivasiah.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—So this person was authorised to sign in the said document. If so, what is the nature of authorisation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I learn it is a regular power of attorney conferred on the agent by Sri B. M. Srinivasiah, and the agent has executed the document.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Did the Government satisfy itself that this power of attorney conferred was in regard to the grant of a loan of one lakh of rupees to Sri B. M. Srinivasiah ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes. Even Sri B. M. Srinivasiah has agreed to that.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What was the date on which the document was executed ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—First, it was sanctioned somewhere in March and then, this document came into existence by means of a subsequent order in December 1952.

Mr. SPEAKER.—March of which year ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—March 1952, Sir ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Why was the sanction made in March 1952 and the execution of the document in December 1952 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There was a sanction in March 1952. Some little variations were wanted, which was granted by a subsequent order and the document has come into existence in December 1952.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—When was the application for a loan made ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I think, about two years ago.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He wants to know the date. If it is possible, give it.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The exact dates are not readily available, Sir.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the difficulty in giving the dates, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There is absolutely no difficulty. Regarding the date of the document, I can give. Regarding the earlier dates, I am not now in a position to give.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What was the date of the order of Government sanctioning the loan ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will give you that date .... (Looking into the file) ..... Please ask your next question.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Why is the loan sanctioned free of interest ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is because, it is meant for educational purposes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are loans granted to other educational institutions granted free of interest generally ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice for that.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is the Hon'ble Minister aware of any other loan granted to an educational institution free of interest ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Just at present, I do not remember.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the personal security of Sri B. M. Srinivasiah, referred to here in the answer, worth ? What steps were taken by Government to ascertain the actual value of this personal security ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The personal effects of the college itself exceed the value of the loan.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are Government in possession of any information as to the assets and liabilities of this person ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the position with regard to the assets and liabilities of Sri Srinivasiah?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It exceeds the value of the loan.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it merely a matter of good opinion or is it information ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Information.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—On what is it based ? Will the Minister read out the information ? Will you kindly read out the figures ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If it is figures regarding valuation, I have no figures to give now.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What does the Hon'ble Minister base this information on ? If he does not have the information with him, why does he give the House the benefit of his opinion ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I shall get the information and give it.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the purpose for which this question has been tabled? Why has not the Minister been able to get the information as yet?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Can the Hon'ble Minister give the information tomorrow?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will give the information. The Hon'ble Member may please repeat his question.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the information which Government have at their disposal concerning the assets and liabilities of this person on which they have based their information as to the value of his personal security?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The enquiry consisted in looking into the effects of the College, its equipment and the machinery and the building. It was found that it was far in excess of the loan granted.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Do the Government claim that this gentleman who is running this Engineering College is not running any other business and that he has no other liability whatsoever?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—In fact I may also state that a condition has been imposed, which he has accepted, that, in case the loan is not returned, the property and the management of this Institution would go to Government.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I am really trying to know on what information the Government based their opinion about the value of his personal security. The next thing I would like to know is, what was the particular equipment for the purchase of which this loan was applied?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I understand that for giving tuition in electrical and mechanical engineering, some equipment and machinery were necessary and for that purpose he required a lakh of rupees and have called for the details of the equipment which he has got or about to get from the loan that has been given to him.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Will the Hon'ble Minister state whether this equipment was referred to in the application asking for the loan and whether the Government took any steps whatever to ascertain what exactly the requirements were before sanctioning one lakh of rupees?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—This Government did not do it for the simple reason that there was sanction for it by the previous Government, and therefore I did not go through it.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is the Hon'ble Minister talking in terms of Minister or is he talking in terms of Government? There has been Government of Mysore before he became Minister.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is because of a prior order of the previous Government that we did not go further into the details of this grant.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it the answer that the Hon'ble Minister did not take the trouble to ascertain what equipment was there or is it because they could not be ascertained before the loan has been sanctioned?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Because there was no necessity.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Will the Hon'ble Minister tell me what exactly is the necessity for according sympathy and co-operation for stabilising this Institution? Was this Institution unstable at the time loan was asked for?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There was absolute necessity according to my reading of the situation for equipping the College sufficiently and properly in order to bring it into a better condition than the position in which it was.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—If the loan is not repaid, what is the guarantee that the money will be

forthcoming from the person and what is the arrangement made by the Government for the repayment of the loan ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There is the last sentence in the reply, *i.e.*, " that no liability or debt should be incurred by Sri B. M. Srinivasiah for the purpose of this College without the previous permission of Government from the date of the Government Order sanctioning the loan."

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Have the Government made any reservation that the liability to which Sri Srinivasiah or his College may be subject to in the course of five years shall not come to the Government along with the assets and properties of the College ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is quite assured that there would be no liability in the matter.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the information on the basis of which the Hon'ble Minister conferred testimonials on Sri B. M. Srinivasiah ? He has not given information on the matter. Further it is ordered that no liability or debt should be incurred by Sri B. M. Srinivasiah. How should the Government know that he does not incur any liability or debt ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is a hypothetical question. If he does incur debts or liabilities, we know what to do then.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is it that the Government can do if he does not stick to the condition ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is again a hypothetical question and I need not disclose what the Government wants to do at this stage.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—My point is this. The Government in taking a bond from this person or the holder of the power of attorney, have claimed for themselves the right of getting money repaid to them. What steps have the Government taken to ensure the repayment of the money that the Government have given to this Institution ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I believe I have sufficiently answered.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the security that you have for the repayment of the loan ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The security is his presonal security and effects in that Institution.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—If the Government do not take steps to ascertain the solvency of the person who asks for loans and if the Government rely on the opinion as to the value of the personal security based on the information that the Minister has come to possess about him, what is the safety of the money given to this man ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—This is a hypothetical question. I feel assured that there is no risk. Further we have proceeded on the basis that this was sanctioned twice, once before by the previous Government and again by this Government and so I repudiate all the hypothetical questions or suggestions that have been made.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are the Government aware that seats in this College are sold to students whose parents can give a donation of Rs. 1,000 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think any seats are sold. But he is collecting some donation for the Engineering College building.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Who has authorised him to collect this donation from students ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think any authorisation is necessary for anybody to collect donation.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Can anybody else also do like that ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So far as independent private Colleges are concerned, they can do so.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is this College affiliated to the University of Mysore?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is affiliated.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the condition of affiliation?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There is no condition imposed that donation should not be collected.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is every other affiliated College free to collect donation?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If the management of an affiliated College feels or desires to collect donation, it may do so.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are the Government quite certain on this point?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I believe so.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that the present Government gave effect to the sanction that was accorded to this loan by the previous Government?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many students passed out of this College?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice for that.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the total number of students that have been studying in this College?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I believe it is 700 and odd.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Supposing the Government had started a College of this nature. How much they would have spent per year on these students?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is a question of lakhs.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that students have been benefited by this College to a great extent?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is exactly why we are trying to sympathise and co-operate.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—What wrong is there if people offer themselves and offer money for the improvement of this College?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I personally do not see anything wrong. On the other hand, I commend the example.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that Sri B. M. Srinivasiah has done yeoman service in the field of education in Mysore?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I feel like that. I appreciate his generosity.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—When it is so, is it not the duty of Government to give as much encouragement as possible not only by waiving interest but also by way of grant?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I believe the Government have tried to do their duty by that institution as much as possible.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is not a recognised institution?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is a recognised institution.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Do such institutions receive donations only at the time of allotting seats, or can they go on receiving donations from anybody and everybody?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is a matter of choice of the management.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Would such an institution be allowed to continue to sell seats? It is actually selling seats. Would the Government think of recognising such institutions and affiliate them to the University?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is a hypothetical question. Yet I would answer that there is no harm.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is there any educational institution in Mysore State to which loan has been granted? Would the Hon'ble Minister list one or two such educational institutions?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have already answered that question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He does not remember.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is not about loan free of interest; I am asking whether any loan has been given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He wants notice.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Did the previous Government while sanctioning the loan say that it is free of interest?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are you not giving three-fourths of the total expenditure of this Institution free of interest?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Nothing is paid to this Institution?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No, except some equipment grant.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are you not giving any annual grant for establishment just as you are giving to other Institutions?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No annual grant is being given. Fee concession grant, as it has been said, is given.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know the amount of educational grant given to this Institution?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So far as I know, no grant is being given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sufficient number of supplementary questions have been put.

Grant of Middle School for Kuntana-Belathur in Heggaddevanakote Taluk.

Q.—335. Sri H. K. SHIVARUDRAPPA (Gundlupet-Heggaddevankote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the local people have not requested for a middle school for Kuntana-Belathur in Heggaddevankote Taluk through petitions and frequent deputations and if they have so come on deputation, how many times and when;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a fund has been kept in deposit in Government Treasury for the construction of the school building and if so, how much;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the officers of the concerned department who visited that place have been sending recommendations every year, to sanction a school to that place;

(*d*) whether a school will be sanctioned to that place during 1953-54?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Yes. On the following dates:—

(1) 8th August 1952—Government.

(2) 19th August 1952.—Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes. A sum of Rs. 3,000.

(*c*) No such recommendations have been received. But when the question of sanctioning a New Type Middle School to the circle came up in 1948, Chakkoor was given a New Type Middle School in preference to Belthur as the Primary School in the latter place was in a languishing condition at that time.

(*d*) Opening of a New Type Middle School at Belthur has been included in the programme for 1953-54.

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Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Some years ago. If you want, I will give you the date.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಯಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ತಮಗೇ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈಗ ಆ ಎರಡು ಕಡೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಸ್ಕೂಲನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ.